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VIENNA FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, GW, WB, US, UR, OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)  
SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO BERLIN: SOVIET DEMARCHE  
ON FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER

REFS: A. BONN 7869(NOTAL); B. BERLIN 5712

BEGIN SUMMARY. FRG HAS INFORMED ALLIES IN BONN GROUP  
OF SOVIET DEMARCHE CONCERNING FOREIGN MINISTER  
GENSCHER'S PLAN TO GO TO BERLIN. FRG WILL TRY TO DE-  
EMPHASIZE MATTER AND HAS TOLD SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN  
BONN THAT GENSCHER'S ACCOMPANYING THE SECRETARY IS AN  
ACT OF COURTESY FOR A GOOD FRIEND. END SUMMARY

1. FRG REP (KASTRUP) INFORMED BONN GROUP MAY 16 THAT  
ON MAY14 SOVIET AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV HAD ASKED GAUS,  
HEAD OF FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATION IN EAST BERLIN,  
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TO CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE (ENGLISH TRANSLATION AS

GIVEN BY KASTRUP) TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL  
CHANCELLOR:

"THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS LEARNED FROM ARTICLES IN TAGESSPIEGEL THAT FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER INTENDS TO ACCOMPANY AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TO BERLIN ON MAY 21. SUCH AN ACCOMPANIMENT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER BY MINISTER GENSCHER WOULD BE REGARDED BY THE SOVIET UNION AND BY THE GDR AS A HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE ACTION ON THE PART OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH WOULD BE A DEMONSTRATION OF FEDERAL PRESENCE THROUGH AN UNSUITABLE OCCASION. IN SUCH A CASE THE FRG MUST COUNT ON DISADVANTAGEOUS REACTIONS FROM THE SIDE OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE GDR."

2. KASTRUP SAID CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER DISCUSSED SOVIET DEMARCHE AND DECIDED THAT GENSCHER WOULD PROCEED WITH PLANS TO ACCOMPANY SECRETARY. AS FOR RESPONDING TO DEMARCHE, INITIAL DECISION WAS THAT POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL WOULD RAISE IT AT MEETING WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR FALIN PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 16. EARLIER ON MAY 16, HOWEVER, FALIN HAD CANCELLED MEETING, AND FRG PLAN AS OF AFTERNOON MAY 16, WAS THAT VAN WELL WOULD TRY TO REACH FALIN BY TELEPHONE IN AFTERNOON TO ASK WHEN MEETING MIGHT TAKE PLACE. VAN WELL WOULD SAY HE WOULD BE VERY BUSY NEXT WEEK, IN PART BECAUSE HE WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING GENSCHER TO BERLIN; HE WOULD CONTINUE THAT, APPROPOS OF THAT VISIT, AND TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING, HE WANTED TO EMPHASIZE THAT GENSCHER WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING A GOOD FRIEND TO BERLIN AS AN ACT OF COURTESY.

3. WE HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED THAT VAN WELL DID REACH FALIN LATE MAY 16 AND DELIVERED MESSAGE AS PLANNED. FALIN'S ONLY COMMENT WAS THAT HE WOULD TAKE NOTE OF WHAT WAS SAID BUT THAT SOVIET POSITION WAS WELL KNOWN.

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